

MILLIONS JOIN NEW CAMPAIGN TO SECURE FREEDOM FOR INDIA

AMERICA MUST SIGN FIRST, IS EUROPE'S VIEW

Allies Will Not Take Any More Chances of Being Abandoned by U. S.

BY MILTON BRONNER

LONDON, Aug. 13.—"Show me!" That will be the attitude of all the European statesmen when they meet in Washington for President Harding's conference on disarmament and Pacific Ocean questions.

The powers illustrate the old saying, "Once bit, twice shy." They feel they were bit once. At Versailles they saw President Wilson and his secretary of state put their signatures to a League of Nations agreement. And then they saw the Senate turn down the whole business.

This time, before they do any signing, they will want to see Harding and Hughes sign and the O. K. of the Senate, too. Not till then will they be ready to append their own signatures. But they do expect agreement will be easier than in the Wilson case because Harding has the Senate with him.

Favor New League

If President Harding, after getting agreements on disarmament and Pacific problems, wants to go a step further and broach his Association of Nations in place of Wilson's League of Nations, preserving mainly the Permanent Court of International Justice, he will meet with far less opposition than is generally supposed.

The 40 nations in the league don't care about the name of the organization, its form or its constitution, so long as the United States comes in. And there are indications that they are ready to agree to America making all the reservations it wants.

The main thing is the tax-ridden powers of the world, together with all the little countries, want protection against further wars.

That will mean partial disarmament, lower taxes, more money for peaceful pursuits.

League Very Busy

The League of Nations Council has met 13 times. Its assembly met last

ARTIST FLEES AS TWO MILLION HEART BALM SUIT IS FILED BY U. S. CHAMPION BREWER OF TEA



ALBERT SEARLES AND MISS MARY JOHNSON

BOSTON, Aug. 13.—It's "Easy come, easy go" in the case of Albert Victor Searles.

Searles is an artist. But he hadn't won much fame or money by working at art when his eccentric multi-millionaire uncle, the late Edwin P. Searles, died. The uncle left the young man only \$250,000 with a proviso that if he should contest the will, he wouldn't get even this much. The bulk of the fortune he bequeathed to his private secretary.

But the artist took a chance, got a lawyer and obtained a settlement out of court which netted him \$5,000,000.

Wife Gets Divorce
And got an award of \$140,000 alimony.

This is to be delivered, together with her final decree of divorce, in October.

And now comes Miss Mary Johnson, who is a musician and an artist, coo. Besides this, she has a reputation for pouring a cup of tea superior to any brewed this side of England.

In fact, she was keeping a tea room at Portsmouth during the war, when Searles had quit the palette for the drawing board, and was copying plans for Uncle Sam in the shipyard.

Plot Thickens
One day who should step into the tea room, but Mr. Searles?

Over their tea the artists talked of the day when the war would be over

and they both could go back to Art with a capital A.

"He proposed after three days," says Miss Johnson. "I accepted—for I saw in the young artist more than the ordinary observer would see."

Of course, I never dreamed but what he was single. So I was dreadfully shocked when he came to me a few months later and confessed that he had deceived me.

"But he said that a divorce was being obtained and that after everything was straightened out we could be married. I forgave him all—and waited for him to make good his promises. But he has not done so."

"So I am suing."

Two million dollars—count 'em, two hundred, two thousand, two hundred thousand, two million—is all she asks.

Searles Vanishes
Searles is out of reach of process servers. They can't get his address. His lawyer says he is in the south seas, fitting out a yacht—and the lawyer denies all of Miss Johnson's charges, from start to finish.

"Mr. Searles became acquainted with her," he says, "but he thought she was engaged all the time to a naval officer."

PLANS FOR BUILDING FOREIGN TRADE WILL BE TALKED AT MEET

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—Plans for development of profitable foreign markets for American products will be discussed by leading manufacturers of the United States at the twelfth annual convention of the American Manufacturers' Export Association here October 5 and 6.

Diplomatic and commercial representatives from many foreign countries will inform the manufacturers of the needs abroad for American products.

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Solved The Problem

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POSTMISTRESS' STORY Baffles FLORIDA POLICE

Mystery Enshrouds Motives Leading to Killing in Southern Hotel

ORLANDO, Fla., Aug. 13.—A statewide search is being made here for "a second man" on whom police base their hopes of being able to clear up the tangle of amazing exploits that surround Miss Lena Clarke, West Palm Beach postmistress.

Miss Clarke is under arrest here, charged with the murder of Fred Milmore, restaurant owner, and with the theft of \$32,000 from the West Palm Beach postoffice.

Officials who have questioned her, and who have on several occasions listened to "confessions" that she made, only to repudiate them a short time later, believe she may be trying to piece together a story that will hold water, in order to shield a second man in the case.

Many angles of the evidence, they say, points to the existence of this second man.

Developments Fast
This is the history of the case in a nutshell:

On July 26 it was learned that \$32,000 had been taken from a registered mail sack at the West Palm Beach postoffice.

On Aug. 1, Miss Clarke appeared at the Orlando police station, asking officials to go to a room in the San Juan hotel where she said she had drugged a man implicated in the robbery, and locked him up until she could get police help.

Police found Milmore lying dead on the floor of the room, killed by a revolver bullet. A gun was on the floor nearby, together with two money bags, slashed and empty. Tags on the bags showed they were sent by the First National Bank of West Palm Beach to the Federal Reserve Bank at Atlanta, and that one had contained \$32,000 and the other \$9000.

Chief Confronts Her
When this news was phoned to Chief Vestal, he confronted Miss Clarke.

"Didn't you kill Milmore, Miss Clarke?"

"No, I didn't," she replied.

Again he put the question, and Miss Clarke hesitated.

"Yes, I killed him," the chief says she then replied.

Later the chief, in a public statement, gave this version of the affair, as he said Miss Clarke had told it to him:

In 1918, while she was assistant postmaster at West Palm Beach there was a \$38,000 shortage discovered. In the office, Miss Clarke said that although she never was able to get any proof, she suspected Milmore. Both she and Milmore a short time later were candidates for postmaster, and

Figures In Postoffice Murder



MISS LENA CLARKE, POSTMISTRESS, AND FRED MILMORE, RESTAURANT MAN, WHO SHE IS ACCUSED OF MURDERING.

during their candidacies \$20,000 more in cancelled money orders disappeared. This, too, she said she believed Milmore was responsible for, seeking to discredit her candidacy.

"The \$32,000 theft, she explained, was for the purpose of covering up the earlier shortages. She told me she brought the money sacks and \$725 over to the hotel room and sent for Milmore to prove to him that in her desperation she had taken the money involved to straighten up the old accounts. She said she tried to get him to sign a statement regarding the earlier shortage and that he refused."

Her Memory Fails

Although she once had told police that she shot Milmore, Miss Clarke told Chief Vestal on this second occasion that if she shot him, she didn't remember it.

"She said she had worried day and night over the shortage in her office

LORD READING SEEKS TO HALT HINDU REVOLT

Principle Obstacle to Rule of British is Famous Leader—Gandhi

LONDON, Aug. 13.—The British government is trying to placate and retain India, as well as Ireland.

The principal obstacle in the path of Lord Reading, the new viceroy of India, is Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, most famous of all Hindu leaders.

Gandhi is head of the cult that bears his name, and is leading the fight to gain home rule in India by boycotting the British and their goods.

It was Lord Reading's reputation as a great diplomat that led to the one-time British ambassador to the United States being selected to go to India as viceroy last spring. Gandhism was fast gaining ground. Lord India for England.

Leads 313,000,000
And what of Gandhi, the "holy man" who exerts such influence over India's 313,000,000 people? What manner of man is he?

Gandhi was born 51 years ago, his father being chief minister of the state of Porbander for 25 years. He belongs to a Bania, or trading caste, lives at Ahmadabad, the great mill center is married and has four sons.

He has founded a settlement near his home for the culture of truth in poverty, and for hand-weaving and primitive agriculture, believing that modern machinery is a work of evil.

Gandhi was educated in England, where he studied law. He went to South Africa, where he later gave up his practice to aid Hindus who were being persecuted by authorities there. It was in South Africa that Gandhi first preached his doctrine of passive resistance, a doctrine to which he still holds. He abhors violence, urging his followers rather to attain their aims by refusing to work for or have anything to do with their persecutors.

Often in Prison

Gandhi served many terms in African prisons. But through it all he maintained an unexpected chivalry toward the British, halting his activities during the Boer war and organiz-

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